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Paper 2 (The portrayal of the birth of the early church),
maximum raw mark 80

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1 (a) Acts 1:18–20; 12:19–23

- (i) prophesied (psalms); bought a field with the money; fell headlong (or swelled up); body burst open and intestines spilled out; field became known as Field of Blood
- (ii) addressed deputation from Tyre and Sidon who sought to make peace with the King; people shouted “this is the voice of a god, not of a man”; King did not give praise to God; angel of Lord struck him down; eaten by worms [6 marks]

(b) how – proposed two men; criteria of candidates; prayed; cast lots; Matthias selected
why – needed to replace Judas; prophecy from psalm; importance of number 12 [6 marks]

(c) **Agree:** if accounts accurate and there is a God, then shows Paul kept safe; guided e.g. Troas; miracles occur; prophecy fulfilled; Ananias and Sapphira shows God in control of judgement; Pentecost and ascension shows God takes initiative

Disagree: if events not true or there is no God, then shows nothing; Paul gets defeated and attacked; people suffer [8 marks]

2 (a) Acts 7:54–60

furious and gnashed teeth at him: Stephen full of Holy Spirit – looked up to heaven; saw glory of God and Jesus standing at right hand of God; “I see heaven open and Son of man standing at right hand of God”; they covered ears, yelling and dragged him out of city; began to stone him; witnesses laid clothes at feet of Saul; while being stoned Stephen prayed; Lord Jesus receive my spirit; fell on knees – Lord do not hold this sin against them; died [6 marks]

(b) some Jews argued with Stephen; they could not stand up against his wisdom; persuaded false witnesses – blasphemy against Moses and God; stirred up people and elders and teachers of law; accused of speaking against Temple and the law; Jesus will destroy Temple and change customs of Moses; his speech angered them as he accused them of resisting Spirit, persecuting the prophets, killing the Righteous One and not obeying Law of Moses [6 marks]

(c) **Agree:** churches formed from missionary visits, so no great structure – ad hoc; Apostles not around many places where church spread, spread of church through individuals’ pioneering work rather than organised from Jerusalem

Disagree: evidence of elders and The Seven; churches had structure; Council of Jerusalem; Acts 2; Church authority based at Jerusalem – sent people out; Jerusalem church consulted [8 marks]

3 (a) Acts 8:14–24

Simon attempts to buy power of Holy Spirit with money; your silver perish with you because you thought you could obtain the gift with money; no share in this ministry; heart not right with God; repent and pray; perhaps he will forgive you for such thoughts; you are full of bitterness and captive to sin; asked Peter to pray that nothing you have said may happen to me [6 marks]

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(b) Pentecost not initiated – Samaritans by Peter and John; Pentecost Jews – Samaritans non-Jews; Samaritans prayed for, placed hands on – Pentecost just came upon them; no tongues of fire, not clear they spoke in tongues at Samaritan event [6 marks]

(c) **Agree:** important as they were non-Jews; led to new focus and activity; church widened to be universal; demonstrated church should be for all; convinced people to accept Gentiles

Disagree: Pentecost more important as it was the start of the church; it gave impetus for missionary work; Samaritans not the only non-Jews to receive Spirit; if not Samaritans it would have been another of the Gentiles; non-Jews converted prior to the Samaritans; Peter's vision most important [8 marks]

4 (a) **Acts 13:23–41**

God brought to Israel a Saviour as promised; not recognised; they fulfilled prophecy which had been read every Sabbath; asked Pilate to execute though innocent; hanged him on a tree; laid him in tomb; God raised him up; seen by those who travelled with him from Galilee to Jerusalem; fulfilment of Psalms; forgiveness of sins proclaimed; justified [6 marks]

(b) invited to speak further; many spoke to Paul and Barnabas after synagogue meeting; next week almost whole city gathered to hear them; some Jews jealous and spoke abusively against what Paul was saying; Paul announced that as they rejected he would turn to Gentiles [6 marks]

(c) **Agree:** expect lots of examples especially Corinth and Ephesus

Disagree: example of Athens and Berea; rejected by some Jews – not all Jews – examples [8 marks]

5 (a) **Acts 16:23–40**

Jailor guarded them carefully; in inner cell in stocks; praying and singing at midnight; violent earthquake; prison doors flung open; prisoners chains came loose; jailor awoke and saw; went to kill himself thinking prisoners escaped; Paul stops him telling him no-one escaped; fell at feet of Paul and Silas; what must I do to be saved? believe in the Lord – you and your household; baptised; Roman citizenship claimed; apologised; asked them to leave [6 marks]

(b) leading member of church at Jerusalem; prophetic gifts; sent by church to welcome converted Gentiles; accompanied Paul on second Missionary journey after break with Barnabas; Roman citizenship; imprisoned with Paul; when Paul left for Athens he stayed in Beroea and joined Paul at Corinth [6 marks]

(c) **Agree:** opposition; few converts only; begged him to leave the city; forced to stop preaching

Disagree: did preach; conversions; church founded [8 marks]

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6 (a) Acts 19:28–41

confusion; most not knowing why they were there; Alexander to offer defence to the people; recognised him as Jew; 2 hours they shouted Great is Artemis of the Ephesians; city clerk – all know that Ephesus temple keeper of Artemis; these men not sacrilegious or blasphemers; if charges then bring to court; if other things settle in regular assembly; this is like a riot; cannot justify this; dismissed assembly; Paul and disciples left Ephesus [6 marks]

(b) loss of trade by silversmiths; accused Paul of preaching that gods made with hands are not gods; disrepute to trade; temple of Artemis may count for nothing; may be deposed from her magnificence; crowd enraged; great is Artemis of the Ephesians; city filled with confusion; rushed to theatre; grabbed Paul's companions [6 marks]

(c) Agree: could have not preached so as to avoid conflict; not carry out exorcisms; not defend himself

Disagree: he was driven by Holy Spirit so could not but preach; no preaching would have meant no converts, no church; not clear how much the conflict was caused by Paul [8 marks]